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SUBJ: PRESS CENSORSHIP CONTINUES; OPPOSITION RADIOS BACK ON AIR

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1. SUMMARY: ALL SANTIAGO NEWSPAPERS CONTINUE UNDER PRIOR MILITARY CENSORSHIP AND APPEAR WITH OPEN SPACES INDICATING DELETED MATERIAL. NATIONAL PARTY DAILY "TRIBUNA" STILL CLOSED DOWN. SEVEN OPPOSITION RADIO STATIONS CLOSED SATURDAY (JUNE 30) FOR ALLEGEDLY NOT BROADCASTING IN EMERGENCY ZONE COMMANDER EDICT BUT STARTED COMING BACK ON THE AIR SUNDAY AND ARE NOW ALL BROADCASTING. TELEVISION STATIONS UNAFFECTED. END SUMMARY.

2. SANTIAGO DAILIES APPEARED SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND MONDAY WITH VARYING AMOUNTS OF WHITE SPACE WHERE MILITARY CENSORS HAD ORDERED MATERIAL DELETED. CENSORED MATERIAL INCLUDES PART OF SECRETARY GENERAL OF GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENT ON JUNE 29 AND FOLLOWING EVENTS IN "EL MERCURIO", REPORTS ON FUNERAL OF ARMY SERGEANT, EDITORIAL AND CARTOONS. SUNDAY ISSUE COMMUNIST "EL SIGLO" CARRIED LARGE BLANK SPACES, AND EVEN SUNDAY AND MONDAY EDITIONS OF GOC'S "LA NACION" LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CENSORED. INDEPENDENT "LA TERCERA," TAKING CAUTIOUS APPROACH, HAS

HAD ONLY EXTREME-LEFT COLUMNIST CENSORED AND HAS FOLLOWED  
"SUGGESTIONS" OF MILITARY CENSORS.

3. GOC'S "LA NACION" JUNE 30 ISSUE REPORTEDLY PRINTED BEFORE  
MILITARY CENSORS HAD ARRIVED AND WAS CALLED BACK. PAPER APPEARED  
ABOUT NOON SATURDAY AS /SUPPLEMENT." MARXIST "CLARIN" SATURDAY  
ISSUE, ACCORDING "LA TERCERA" EDITOR, MANAGED TO PUBLISH BEFORE  
CENSORS ARRIVED BUT EDITION NOT CALLED BACK.

4. NATIONAL PARTY'S "TRIBUNA" REMAINS CLOSED AND PROHIBITED FROM  
USING USUAL DODGE OF PUBLISHING UNDER ANOTHER NAME.

5. DURING MORNING JUNE 29, DETECTIVES ORALLY INVOKING MILITARY  
AUTHORITY ATTEMPTED TO CLOSE RADIOS COOPERATIVA AND AGRICULTURA,  
BOTH OPPOSITION ORGANS. STATIONS REFUSED ORDERS TO CLOSE AND  
DEMANDED WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FROM CHIEF OF MILITARY ZONE IN  
STATE OF EMERGENCY. DETECTIVES DESISTED BUT RETURNED LATER IN DAY  
WITH WRITTEN ORDER CLOSING RADIOS COOPERATIVA AND MINERIA FOR  
ALLEGED FAILURE TO TRANSMIT EDICT NUMBER THREE. REMAINDER OF  
OPPOSITION STATIONS (AGRICULTURA, NUEVO MUNDO, SANTIAGO,  
BALMACEDA AND YUNGAY) CLOSED SATURDAY MORNING OSTENSIBLY FOR SAME  
REASON.

6. RADIOS CONTEND ORDER IN QUESTION WAS TRANSMITTED BY "POLITICAL"  
ANNOUNCEMENT OF SINGLE WORKERS UNION (CUT) EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR  
PRES ALLENDE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MILITARY ANNOUNCEMENT NOT  
TRANSMITTED. STATIONS CLAIM THAT PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE OF INFORMA-  
TION AND RAID BROADCASTING (984), WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR  
MONITORING AND ENFORCING RADIO HOOKUPS, ERRONEOUSLY INFORMED  
MILITARY AUTHORITIES OF STATIONS' ACTIONS, LEADING TO SHUTDOWN.  
STATIONS BEGAN RETURNING TO AIR SUNDAY MORNING AND ARE NOW ALL  
BROADCASTING.

7. TELEVISION STATIONS HAVE REMAINED IMMUNE ALTHOUGH ALL CARRIED  
NEWS COVERAGE OF JUNE 29 EVENTS.

8. COMMENT: OUR EDITOR CONTACTS STILL NOT EXPECTING LIFTING OF  
MILITARY CENSORSHIP IN NEAR FUTURE. OUR INFORMATION REGARDING  
RADIO STATIONS IS THAT THEY DID TRANSMIT MILITARY EDICT NUMBER  
THREE BUT REFUSED TO BROADCAST CUT ANNOUNCEMENT. AT OIR URGING  
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(WHICH  
PROBABLY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF REIGNING CONFUSION TO GET AT  
OPPOSITION RADIO STATIONS), MILITARY APPARENTLY FELT WISEST  
COURSE WAS TO CLOSE STATIONS. EARLY REAPPEARANCE INDICATES GROUNDS  
FOR CLOSURE RECOGNIZED AS WEAK. OFFICIAL NEWS BROADCASTS SUNDAY  
INCLUDED MILITARY EDICTS ALLOWING STATIONS BACK ON AIR.  
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